

MEAT PRICES FIRM, BUT PROBABLY WILL DROP IN FALL

Potatoes Slightly Cheaper and Other Vegetables Plentiful.

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In spite of the opinions freely expressed several weeks ago by leading meat dealers that the price of fresh meats would drop the middle of this month, there is no change in the quotations at Center Market today. Beef, veal and mutton remain at exactly the same figures as last week, and prominent dealers now declare they do not know when to expect a drop, although they admit that prices are high, and that they are bound to fall within a short time unless there is an unexpected decrease in the supply.

The fish market is also steady, the only change of importance being a rise in striped bass. This variety is now selling all the way from 12 to 18 cents, whereas, last week, it was plentiful at 10 cents. The recent rainy spell has caused an increase in the supply of crabs, but prices have not suffered much as a result. Soft crabs are bringing from 50 to 60 cents a dozen, and hard crabs are steady at 20 cents.

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Lone Member of Faith In House Explains Tenets At Length.

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After scoring the old line parties, the Democratic and Republican parties were so alike that there is practically no difference between them, he declared. "The only difference between them," he said, "is that the Democrats are a little more honest than the Republicans."

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Crop Outlook Overshadows Other Market Influences

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The announcement that the Interstate Commerce Commission would look into the matter of transportation operations of the United States Steel Corporation had no more effect than the probability of the Stanley report. A strong opening in wheat and corn had more effect in bringing on a disposition to sell at the opening, but the market rallied, the more so as the selling did not reach important proportions. Better reports on steel and iron trade continue to flood the offices, the position of the Steel Corporation in its business and financial strength being near the best.

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A few, a very few, members of the exchange were on hand at the last part of the bell of the week's session. Members are enjoying vacations from Maine to California and the Canadian northwest. Investors are doing the same, and orders are few and far between. This kind of dullness suggests two or three sessions of the exchange weekly, although it is better as it is for the seasons, although not especially productive of business transactions, is still useful in the manufacture of quotations, a necessity to investors, to banks, and to the public. Ten bonds, each \$1,000, of the Potomac Consolidated issue changed hands, all at \$100.00. The Potomac Consolidated and Electric 4's per cent issue brought \$100.00, showing some betterment. Stocks were practically nominal. Washington National Bank brought \$100.00. Washington and Virginia common sold at \$24. This the total, save a little Lanston.

Bid and Asked on Local Exchange

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